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DOC MOVING SWIFTLY TO ACCOUNT FOR WHAT HAPPENED DURING FRIDAY'S HOSPITAL ESCAPE

GEORGETOWN, DE—Department of Correction Commissioner Carl C. Danberg announced this afternoon that two Department of Correction Officers have been placed on paid administrative leave pending the outcome of an investigation into the hospital escape of Offender Calvin B. Harmon. The names of the officers cannot be released for reasons of confidentiality.

On Friday evening January 4, 2008, Calvin B. Harmon escaped from Department of Correction (DOC) personnel at approximately 7:45 PM while being treated at the Beebe Hospital in Lewes. Department of Correction Emergency Response Team and Delaware State Police (DSP) immediately responded. Over the weekend DOC, DSP, The US Marshalls Office, and other local police agencies joined in the search. :

"The investigation commenced a short time after the escape and we will have to wait for all of the findings to come in and the process to be completed before we have a solid picture of what happened," said Commissioner Carl Danberg. He added, "This is a very serious matter and we are treating it as such."

Harmon, whose last known address was Lewes, Delaware, is a 44-year-old black male, 5' 05" tall, 140 pounds with black hair and brown eyes. He has pierced ears, facial scars and tattoos on his left arm. Other information from the investigations reveals that Harmon ran from the hospital wearing only underwear and did have on a handcuff.

Teams are still searching for Harmon today. The Department of Correction and police are asking anyone with information on the whereabouts of offender Calvin B. Harmon to contact Sussex Correctional Institution at 302-856-5280 ext. 6395 or Delaware State Police Troop 4 at 302-856-5850.

Harmon was taken into custody on January 4, 2008 and was being held in default of \$34,000 bail on charges of Burglary 2nd Degree, Criminal Solicitation 2nd Degree, Theft (F), Conspiracy 2nd Degree, Criminal Mischief (M) and a Capias.